

Amendments to the Claims:

1 – 5. Cancelled.

6. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 [[31]], wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

7. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 [[31]], wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

8. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 7, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

9. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 8, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 [[31]], wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 [[31]], wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

14. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 ~~[[31]]~~, wherein said colorant is a food additive.

15. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 18 ~~[[31]]~~, wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The solid preparation of claim 17,~~ A solid preparation coated with a multi-colored continuous film coating layer, prepared by the process of
coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,
exposing a first part of the coating layer to a first amount of radiation and exposing a second part of the coating layer to a second amount of radiation under conditions sufficient to result in the first and second parts of the coating layer having different coloration, and wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors comprising ~~wherein said pattern comprises~~ a logo.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The solid preparation of claim 17,~~ A solid preparation coated with a multi-colored continuous film coating layer, prepared by the process of
coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,
exposing a first part of the coating layer to a first amount of radiation and
exposing a second part of the coating layer to a second amount of radiation under conditions sufficient to result in the first and second parts of the coating layer having different coloration,

and wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors comprising
~~wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.~~

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The solid preparation of claim 17,~~ A solid preparation coated with a multi-colored continuous film coating layer, prepared by the process of
coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more colorants; and,
exposing a first part of the coating layer to a first amount of radiation and
exposing a second part of the coating layer to a second amount of radiation under conditions
sufficient to result in the first and second parts of the coating layer having different coloration,
and wherein said film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors comprising
~~wherein said pattern comprises letters.~~

21 – 31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of claim 18 [[31]], wherein at least a portion of said film coating layer is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein said solid preparation is a tablet.

35. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein said continuous film coating layer comprises one or more cellulose derivatives as film coating agents.

36. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 35, wherein said cellulose derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), methylcellulose (MC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

37. (Previously Presented) The solid preparation of Claim 36, wherein said cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

38. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to fade the exposed colorant.

39. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant transparent.

40. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein at least a portion of said film is exposed to radiation under conditions sufficient to render the exposed colorant semi-transparent.

41. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 46 [[33]], wherein said colorant is a food additive.

42. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 [[33]], wherein said solid preparation further comprises at least one additional layer underlying said continuous film coating layer, said at least one additional layer comprising a colorant to impart a color thereto that is different from the colors of the overlying continuous film coating layer.

43-44 (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) ~~The solid preparation of claim 44,~~ A solid preparation coated with a multi-colored continuous film coating layer, prepared by the process of
coating a solid preparation with a continuous film coating layer having one or more
colorants; and,
changing the coloration of one or more parts of the coating layer by irradiating
those parts of the coating layer to the exclusion of the remainder of the coating, and wherein said
film coating layer has a pattern of two or more different colors selected from the group
consisting of ~~wherein said pattern comprises~~ a logo, a bar code, and letters.

46. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 ~~[[44]]~~, wherein said pattern comprises a bar code.

47. (Currently Amended) The solid preparation of claim 45 ~~[[44]]~~, wherein said pattern comprises letters.